

DIAMOND CITY REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA
DIAMOND CITY, ARKANSAS
June 26, 2018 7:00 p.m.
Diamond City Community Center
232 Grand Avenue, Diamond City, AR 72644

1. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance
2. Call to Order: Acting Mayor, Jim Wisnieski (Please silence all cell phones)
3. Roll Call: Tina Jackson, City Recorder
4. Comments from the Public (Agenda Items) *If you wish to speak to an agenda item, please put your name and topic on the paper provided and turn them into the Recorder.- 3 minutes)*

5. **Approve Agenda** Council

6. **Approval of Minutes** Council
 A. April 24, 2018 – Regular Monthly Meeting
 B. June 7, 2018 – Special Council Meeting

7. **Reports**

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| ✓ A. Public Works | —Duane Horton <i>Don Brown</i> | PW Director |
| ✓ B. Police | Chris Patrick | Chief of Police |
| ✓ C. Community Center | Wanda Van Dyke | President |
| ✓ D. Finance Report | Jane Henderson | Interim Treasurer |
| 1. Approval of Finance Report | | Council |
| ✓ E. Sugarloaf Wastewater Report | Greg Wilson | Committee |
| F. Mayor's Report | Jim Wisnieski | Acting Mayor |
| 1. City Attorney proposals | <i>address personal issues w/Recorder</i> | |
| 2. Police Boat storage proposal | | |
| 3. Discussion regarding condemned house on Pine St. | | |
| 4. S.I.D. auditor bid proposals | | |
| 5. Request to get bids to purchase Rock Crusher for Public Works Department | | |

8. **EXECUTIVE SESSION** – Hiring of City Attorney

9. **New Business**

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| A. Change in city health insurance provider | Council |
| B. Food Pantry discussion (Gina Whited) | Adamar Nuessner |
| C. Anderson's Propane (Jane Henderson) | Council |
| D. Community Center (Gina Whited) | Kenny Bollinger |

10. **Old Business**

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| A. 02-2018 Budget Resolution | Council |
| B. Sewer rate increase decision | Council |
| C. Community Center lighting (Rick Van Dyke) | Council |
| D. Appoint Shari Marshall to Parks and Rec. Committee | Council |

11. Comments from the Public (Any Issue related to City Business - 3 minutes)

12. Announcements – Next Regular Council Meeting will be July 24, 2018 @ 7:00 p.m.

13. Adjourn

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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF THE DIAMOND CITY CITY COUNCIL
June 26, 2018 7:00 P.M.
DIAMOND CITY COMMUNITY CENTER
232 Grand Ave., Diamond City, AR 72644

Invocation: Gina Whited

Pledge of Allegiance

Call to order: Acting Mayor, Jim Wisnieski

Time: 7:10 P.M.

Roll Call:	Gina Whited	Present
	Don Bennett	Present
	Larry Brown	Present
	Rick Van Dyke	Absent
	Jim Wisnieski	Present
	Carolyn Arnold	Present

Approval of the Amended Agenda: Acting Mayor, Jim Wisnieski requested to remove and replace item 7F1 to read “Address personal issues with Recorder.” Don Bennett made the motion to approve the agenda as amended and second by Carolyn Arnold. All present voted yes. **Motion passed.**

Approval of Minutes: Larry Brown made a motion and was second by Gina Whited, to approve the meeting minutes of 4/24/2018 Regular Council Meeting and 6/7/2018 Special Council Meeting. All members present were in favor by voice vote. **Motion passed**

REPORTS

PUBLIC WORKS

Don Brown gave the report for Public Works.

Don Brown stated that they have been doing a lot of road work. Culverts have been replaced on Valleyview, with additional work to do.

Fire hydrants have been painted and are currently testing the hydrants to see that the volume is adequate for fire protection. He stated that he would like to see more pressure for the residents that live around the water tower and commented that the water tank is now in compliance.

They are currently working on replacing all pumps, with a single float and an alarm, to cut the cost on the repairs.

Don also requested permission, due to not enough current manpower, to hire another employee that would be designated to assist with sewer department duties.

He made a request to purchase an on-call cell phone for the employee that has on-call duty.

Councilmen Larry Brown requested that a culvert be installed on Sumac Dr., due to washout issues.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Police Chief, Chris Patrick gave the Police report.

Chief Patrick stated that the new police truck has come in and was in Little Rock, AR. He reported that he has been working with Katie, at Arvest Bank in Lead Hill, regarding interest rates for the funding of the truck. He stated that Arvest Bank offered an interest rate of 3yr. @ 3.85%, with a monthly payment of \$1,137.05 or 5 yr. @ 4.12%, with a monthly payment of \$712.97. He asked the council if they would like him to get other rates from other banks and Jim Wisnieski requested that we stay local, if possible. Jim

asked the other council members if they prefer the 3yr. or 5yr. note. Carolyn Arnold recommended the 5yr. note. Chief Patrick recommends that a Special Council meeting called to discuss the funding of the truck and how this will work with the budget. Chris also stated that he will advise Arvest Bank that the council is considering the 5 yr. note.

COMMUNITY CENTER

Vice-President, Randy Center gave the Community Center report.

Randy stated that he would be giving the Community Center report, due to the absence of President, Wanda Van Dyke.

He began by introducing the Community Center Board members.

The funds being received by the City of Diamond City had been reduced from \$1000 to \$700 per month, since January, 2018.

He was very happy to report that a new commercial stove had been purchased and installed, along with other kitchen equipment. The cost for this new equipment was \$3,084.97.

He also reported that The Food Cupboard donated chicken and was being stored in the kitchen freezer.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Interim Treasurer, Jane Henderson gave the financial report.

Jane began by stating she had passed out the April and May reports to all council members. She stated that Sabrina Healea has assisted her with getting the reports together.

Larry Brown made a motion to accept the financial report and was second by Don Bennett. All were in favor by voice vote. **Motion passed**

SUGARLOAF WASTEWATER REPORT

Greg Wilson gave the Sugarloaf Wastewater report.

He said that they were working on cleaning up the plant and encouraged everyone to go by and see how much better it looks. He reported that the 2012, 2013 and 2014 audits were complete.

ACTING MAYOR REPORT

-Jim Wisnieski started his report by announcing that he had received a letter from the **Recorder, requesting his resignation**. He explained what concerns the resignation listed.

-He had a **bid proposal from Sugarloaf Marina** for a boat slip for the **police boat**. The proposed annual amount was \$1392.00.

-He reported that the owner of the condemned **Pine Street property** would be responsible for the clean-up and removal of debris.

-Jim asked the council to consider getting bids for the purchase of a **rock crusher** for the Public Works Department.

-He asked Sabrina Healea to report any updates on the **S.I.D. audit**. She said she spoke with several CPA's, but was limited on anyone willing to do work for Diamond City due to the cities current situation.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Hiring City Attorney

The council went into Executive Session @ 7:50 regarding the hiring of a city attorney.

The council returned from the Executive Session @ 8:07.

After returning, it was announced that they had chosen the Harrington /Miller Law Firm.

Carolyn Arnold made a motion and was second by Gina Whited. All were in favor by voice vote.

Motion passed

NEW BUSINESS

Change in Health Insurance provider

Jim requested that Gina Whited explain to everyone regarding the change in the city health insurance provider. Gina explained that she signed and approved to accept QualChoice while she was serving as Acting Mayor. She stated that this new policy was less expensive and had better coverage than the previous health insurance provider and that the new policy would go into effect as of July 1st.

Gina made a motion to approve QualChoice as the city health insurance provider, Carolyn Arnold second. All were in favor by roll call vote. **Motion passed**

Elected Official healthcare participation

Jim Wisniewski questioned the wording on Resolution 05-2013, regarding whether elected officials are eligible to participate as part-time status in the city health insurance group. Requested to **Table**

Food Pantry

President, Adamar Nuessner stated that they were short of freezer space and would like to add on to the building. He suggested revising the current lease or give written authorization to build an addition to accommodate more freezer space. He stated they would also consider purchasing the building if necessary. Jim Wisniewski stated that this would need to be discussed with the city attorney. Adamar commented that they were considering opening the Food Pantry on Monday nights to accommodate the citizens that could not get there on Wednesday's.

Propane

Jane Henderson advised the council that she had received a promotional pamphlet in the mail offering pre-pay @ \$1.49 per gallon. Carolyn Arnold made a motion to pre-pay 4500 gallons @ \$1.49 per gallon and Gina Whited second. All were in favor by roll call vote. **Motion passed**

City/Community Center

Kenny Bollinger had concerns regarding the relationship between the City and Community Center, due to our current city issues. This discussion was requested to be **Tabled**.

OLD BUSINESS

NO Sewer Rate Increase

After additional review of the budget, it was found that there would NOT be a need for an additional sewer rate increase.

RESOLUTION 02-2018 (Adopt 2018 Budget)

The Resolution 02-2018 was read in its entirety.

Don Bennett made a motion to adopt Resolution 02-2018, Larry Brown second.

All present were in favor by roll call vote. **Motion passed**

Community Center lighting replacement

Requested to be **Tabled**

Parks and Rec Committee

Shari Marshall was sworn in by Acting Mayor, Jim Wisniewski as a Parks and Rec Committee member.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Victoria French was questioning why the Executive Session before public discussion.
- Randy Center stated that he submitted a FOIA requesting a copy of the Judge's Order regarding the condemning of the Pine Street property and questioned whether it was handled legally. Jim W. stated that he had not found any supporting paperwork.
- Linda Miracle ask what was the hired attorney going to charge, was there going to be a retainer, what the attorney was going to charge for their time and would they be on call. Jim W. responded by saying that the attorney fees would have to stay within budget.
- Sharlene Blair wanted to know what the hired attorney's rates would be. Jim W. stated that at this time, they were not sure but they will be discussing that with the attorney.
- Sam Olcott commented that he was in favor of the rock crusher idea, but stated that that piece of equipment would be very hard on the equipment. He turned to the Council and stated that he has ask if anyone on the Council ever consulted with Public Works Director, Duane Horton (Cappy) for his quote on what it would have cost to get sewer and water to the Duncan's property. They all said they had not. He personally asked Cappy what he felt the cost would be have water and sewer installed to the Duncan property and said that Cappy's estimate was \$5,000.00.
- Sharlene Blair asked about the current balance of the S.I.D. account. According to the Financial Report provided, the account balance as of June, 2018 was \$62,715.00. She then wanted to know what the expenses and expenditures were since June, 2016. As this information was being gathered by the Interim Treasurer, Jane Henderson, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting and was granted without completing the citizen's request for information.

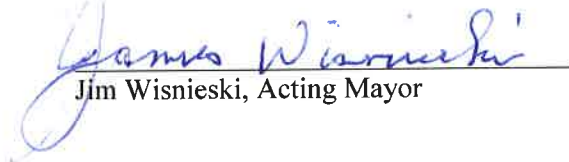
Adjourn:

Carolyn Arnold made a motion to adjourn, was seconded by Gina Whited. All were in favor by voice vote. Meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:


Tina Jackson, City Recorder

APPROVED:


Jim Wisnieski, Acting Mayor

